

"Illustrious lady and dearest sister:



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ASCOLAT LOOKS TO BURNSIDE...



...NARROWS TO BE REVITALIZED...



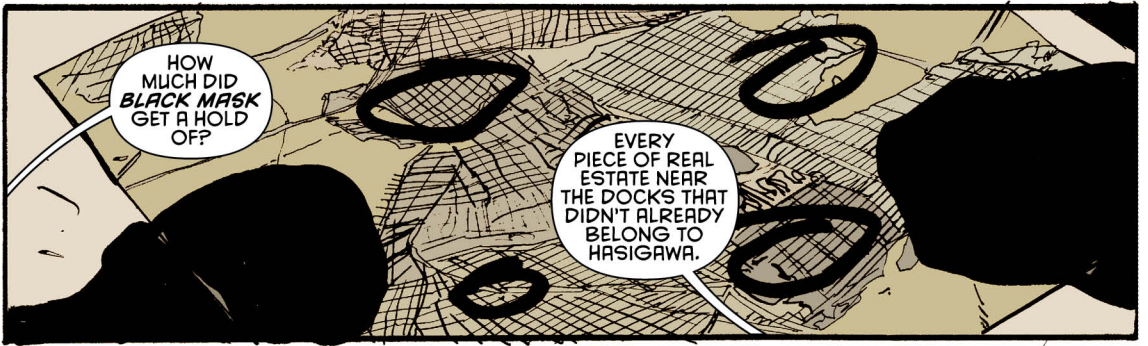
...ASCOLAT MAKES A NEW DAY FOR DOCKLANDS...

I know nothing could be better medicine for your excellency in your present illness



than the good news which I have to impart."

Letter from Cesare Borgia to his sister Lucrezia, July 20, 1502



HOW MUCH DID **BLACK MASK** GET A HOLD OF?

EVERY PIECE OF REAL ESTATE NEAR THE DOCKS THAT DIDN'T ALREADY BELONG TO HASIGAWA.



CITY HALL SHOULDN'T LET THAT GO THROUGH SO FAST. WHAT'S THEIR EXCUSE?

"BUILDING SAFE, AFFORDABLE NEIGHBORHOODS," ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

THEY'RE SCHEDULING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN TWO DAYS TO ANNOUNCE IT. EIGHT NEWS CHANNELS.

Last time I saw Mason, he told me he was my brother.



That little revelation I've kept to myself.

Even if it's true, it's a tactic.

I don't dare believe him.



If Mason and Black Mask haven't bought out the Hasigawas, it's because the Hasigawas joined them.

I need to know who else they've coaxed over.

I WANT MEN ON THE DOCKLANDS. FIND OUT WHATEVER SIONIS USED: CASH, THREATS.

DONE.

AND MAKE SEVEN-FIGURE DONATIONS TO GOTHAM GENERAL'S FREE CLINIC, THE FINE ART MUSEUM, AND THE NARROWS COMMUNITY CENTER.

CAN WE AFFORD THAT?



LETTING ASCOLAT BECOME THE FACE OF THE NEW GOTHAM WILL COST **MORE**, IN THE LONG RUN.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?



WE
CAN GET
RID OF
HER.



DON'T YOU
THINK IT'S
A BIG MOVE
TO KILL THE
HEAD OF A
FAMILY? BAD
PRECEDENT.

SHE STILL HOLDS
ENOUGH FAMILIES TO
POSE A PROBLEM,
FALCONE. SHE WON'T
FORGIVE WHAT WE'VE
BOUGHT OUT
FROM UNDER
HER.

BUT SHE
HAS NO *REAL*
INFLUENCE!

OH? IS THERE
ANOTHER REASON YOUR
PATRIARCHS ALL SENT YOU
INSTEAD OF COMING
THEMSELVES?



SO, SOME
INFLUENCE
YET TO SHAKE,
I'D SAY.



YOU
MIGHT CREATE
A MARTYR.

YOU CAN
ONLY CREATE A
MARTYR IF ANYONE
REMEMBERS
HER.



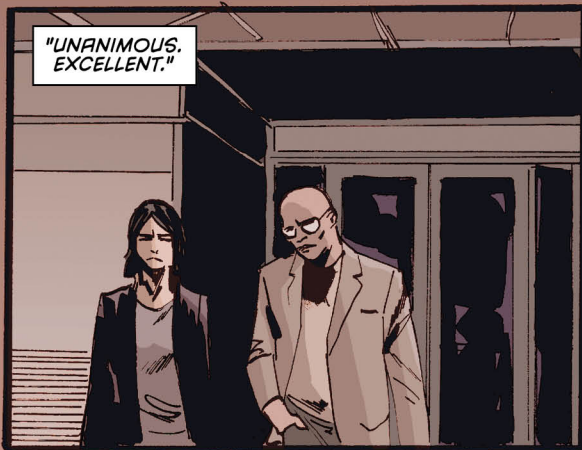
WHY
ISN'T MASON
HERE?

DOESN'T
HE HAVE AN
OPINION?

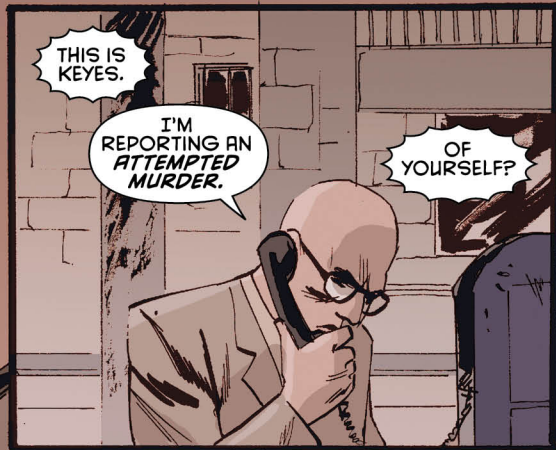


HE'S AN
EMPLOYEE,
NOT A
PARTNER.

NOW.
ALL IN
FAVOR?



"UNANIMOUS.
EXCELLENT."



THIS IS KEYES.

I'M REPORTING AN
ATTEMPTED
MURDER.

OF
YOURSELF?

"OF
SELINA
KYLE."

BETTER THAN HE DOES HIMSELF

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This turnout's
flattering, if
you're a sucker
for show.

Ward.

The Falcones.

Forster Lane.

Even Bruce Wayne
deigned to appear.

If it weren't for
the Detective...

...I might not
even be worried.

